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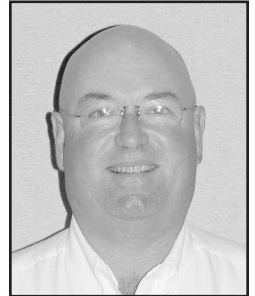
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Political Screening: Looking For Supporters of Law Enforcement and Get Ready for the PR Campaign

From Your President Matt Tyre



Hello fellow members,

Let me begin this update with a THANK YOU. I thank you for staying the course. Our membership numbers have increased since the Legislative Session ended and even after the Governor signed the budget. Thank you for your loyalty, the PBA *is* working for you.

What I wanted to make you aware of is GAME ON!!!!!! The Florida PBA has kicked it up a notch. We are now in the process of screening all of the State candidates who are campaigning for election or re-election. We are requiring each candidate to sit before a PBA screening board and field a battery of questions that pertain only to our interest—LAW ENFORCEMENT. If they do not pass in our favor, then they do not get an endorsement or support. We were misled this past session (politicians, go figure) and were subsequently unsuccessful in our efforts to pass any legislation. This statewide screening requirement will give us a platform to stand on when it comes time to call on the legislators for support on our issues. That brings me to my next point of interest—our issues.

The Florida PBA is also launching a STATEWIDE CAMPAIGN that will address our PAY, COMPRESSION and RETENTION issues that have now reached monumental proportions. We have lost approximately 20% of our officers to local and federal agencies due directly to pay issues. This campaign will spell it out for the people of Florida. We will begin with editorials in all the major newspapers throughout the state and will continue with radio ads as well as individual interviews in key areas. This campaign will continue over the next several months, with the final phase culminating just before the election with a “What we (state law enforcement) do for you, ‘Joe Citizen’.” SO, be looking and listening, this will cause the public to ask you questions, **STAY INFORMED!! Your response can be crucial to our efforts.**

STAY SAFE, STAY INFORMED, STAY PBA!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Tyre". The signature is fluid and cursive.